

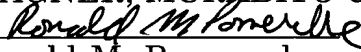
REMARKS

The claims remaining in the present application are Claims 1-4, 9-10, 13, 16-17, 20-22. Claims 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, and 19 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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